

September 2025



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St Francis Church, Valley Park



SEPTEMBER Newsletter

A Prayer for a New Season

Loving God,


As summer fades and a new season begins,
we thank You for the rhythm of life
and the gift of fresh starts.

Bless all students, teachers, and families as
they return to school, may their hearts be
open to learning, growth, and friendship.
We also give thanks for the arrival of our new
vicar, PJ and his family.

May their ministry be rooted in grace,
wisdom, and joy. Guide them as they lead,
and help us to welcome them
with warmth and prayerful support.

In this season of change,
may Your presence be our constant.

Renew us, unite us,
and lead us forward in faith.



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Worship this week & next:

Sunday 31st August

8.30am Said Communion

Leader Steve Williams

Speaker Allen Edwards

10.00am Communion Service

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Sunday 7th September

8.30am Said Communion

Leader & Speaker

Steve Williams

10.00am All Age Service

Leader & Speaker All Age Team

Monday 8th September

12.30pm Lunchtime Communion

What's On - What's On - What's On

Café	Every Monday in September	11.00am - 12.30pm
Footprints Café	Every Tuesday in September	10.30am - 12.00pm
Café	Every Wednesday in September <i>(with crafts for toddlers)</i>	9.00am - 10.30am
Take Time	Wednesday 3rd September	10.40am 11.30am
Lunchtime Communion	Monday 8th September	12.30pm



Messy Church

Songs
Crafts
Bible Story
Fun
Calm Zone
Cake

Sunday 28th September
St Francis Church, Valley Park
3:00 - 4:45pm
 We can't wait to see you!
 Suitable for all the family!
www.stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk








Prayer after every 10am Sunday Service is available.

Don't worry if someone's already being prayed for, the team would love to pray with you afterwards.

Join us for our

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Sunday 5th October
 10.00am
 St Francis Church

Roast Dinner will be served after the service







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SUNDAY SERVICES

IN SEPTEMBER



7th

- 08.30am Said Communion Service
- 10.00am All Age Worship Service



14th

- 08.30am Said Communion Service
- 10.00am Morning Worship Service
(with Youth Group, Junior Church & Creche)



21st

- 08.30am Said Communion Service
- 10.00am Morning Worship Service
(with Youth Group, Junior Church & Creche)



28th

- 08.30am Said Communion Service
- 10.00am Communion Service
(with Junior Church & Creche)
- 3.00pm Messy Church



SEPTEMBER PRECHING SERIES

Ruth

7th: RUTH 1: 1-22

When Life Falls Apart

Theme: *Pain, loss and Gods silent providence*

Idea: *Even in our suffering, God is at work
preparing the path of redemption*

Key verse: *Ruth 1: 20-21*

14th: RUTH 2: 1-23

Faith in the Unknown

Theme: *Faithfulness in ordinary obedience*

Idea: *Ruth's faith and Boaz's kindness show how God
weaves His plan through small, faithful steps.*

Key verse: *Ruth 2:13*

21st: RUTH 3: 1-18

A Bold Step of Faith

Theme: *Boldness and integrity in seeking redemption*

Idea: *Ruth's courageous appeal and Boaz's upright response
reveal how God honours righteous risk.*

Key verse: *Ruth 3:9*

28th: RUTH 4: 1-22

The Redeemer Steps In

Theme: *Redemption through sacrificial love*

Idea: *Boaz points us to Jesus – the one who redeems us
fully and legally through love and sacrifice*

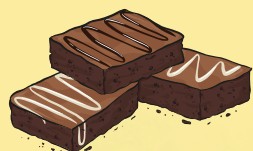
Key verse: *Ruth 4:4*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



**You're Invited to Our Macmillan Coffee Morning!
Come and enjoy a morning filled with coffee & cake
PLUS, its all for a great cause!**

**Pop in after school drop off and stay for a slice (or two!) of
homemade cake. Every bite and brew helps support
Macmillan Cancer Support.**



Everyone's welcome, so bring a friend and join the fun!
(there is also crafts for toddlers available!!)



**Wednesday
15th October
9.00-11.00am**



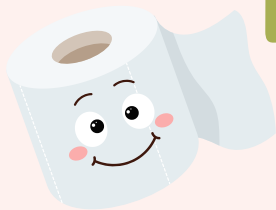
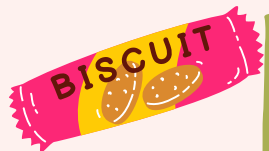
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

St Francis Church, Valley Park, SO53 4ST



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Be that **ONE** person,
who gives **ONE** item
Be part of **ONE** community,
where no **ONE** goes hungry.



FOOD BANK

DONATIONS NEEDED



Drop off locations in Valley Park are:

St Francis Church

Valley Park Community Centre

1 Tweed Close (off Katrine Close)

27 Raglan Close

All items will be delivered to
Eastleigh Basics Bank.



Imagine the difference we could make — together.

*If each of us gave just one item a week, we could build a lifeline
for those in need. Small acts, multiplied by many,
have the power to change lives*

Let's turn generosity into action — one item at a time.

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We're anticipating a wonderful turnout for this exciting service, and we'd love your help in providing sweet refreshments afterwards.



If you're able to contribute,
please choose an item from the sign-up list located
outside the kitchen and bring it along to church
on Sunday 14th September.



Thank you so much for your support, The Catering Team :-)



St Francis Church information



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Who's Who

Vicar of St Francis

Coming very soon!!!

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(Group Minister,

South-West Hants)

Church Council as of 27/4/25

Church Wardens: Fiona Grove and Peter Rhodes

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Treasurer and Gift Aid secretary: Andy Grove

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Church Council Members: Olutayo Akinobobuyi,

Dunni Ajayi, Kate Dean, Jonathon Estabrook, Jo Fish,

Mike Flack, Caroline Gough, Andrew Grove,

Katie Waterman,

Deanery Synod Reps (ie Church of England Reps):

Peter Rhodes, and Brian King, 1 vacant post

Methodist Church rep: 2 vacant posts

URC Rep: Mike Flack

If you'd like to set up regular giving to St. Francis, standing order forms are available at the back of the church or from our treasurer
Andrew Grove: treasurer@sfvp.org.uk